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HOUSE BILL NO. 2434

Offered January 14, 2009 Prefiled January 14, 2009

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 16.1-81.1, relating to closely held corporations; pro se representation.

Patron—Janis

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 16.1-81.1 as follows:

§ 16.1-81.1. Closely held corporations; pro se representation.

When the amount in controversy in any action at law in a general district court does not exceed the sum of \$4,500, exclusive of interest, attorney fees contracted for in the instrument, and costs, a closely held corporate plaintiff or defendant may be represented by an officer or an employee of that corporation who shall have all the rights and privileges given an individual to represent, plead, and try a case without an attorney.